

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
2014 Budget Adoption
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
October 17, 2013
6:00 P.M.

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Council President, Gary Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Krystal Powless: Gary Meyer?

Gary Meyer: Here

Krystal Powless: Charlie Christmas?

Charlie Christmas: Yes

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here

Krystal Powless: Al Holweger?

Allan Holweger: Here

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here

Krystal Powless: Paul Rudolph?

Paul Rudolph: Here

Gary Meyer: Okay, the reason we're meeting tonight is we have three (3) ordinances. The first one is The Ordinance for Appropriation and Tax Rates 2013-03. Since we read these last time, Counselor, do we have to read them again?

Greg Granger: No, Sir.

Greg Richmond: I don't know when I'm supposed to bring this up...now?

Krystal Powless: Yeah, now.

Greg Richmond: I just come from the Economic Development meeting and they have some big projects coming up, one in particular. And they asked us to consider instead of the ordinance that we're going to take for our Rainy Day Fund, the three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00), that we reduce the EMS budget by one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) and only take one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) of their ordinance this year due to the fact that they are bringing in about one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) over budget in revenue. They asked us to consider that. They also had a question; is this going to be a onetime deal or are they going to have to expect three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) every year coming out? I told them the possibility that we could take as much as one point four (\$1,400,000.00) but we thought three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) was reasonable and it would help put our rainy day fund in a better condition.

Krystal Powless: Now with that said, what they may not understand is the money that EMS is turning back in at the end of the year that goes directly into economic developments cash, which is where we're pulling the money from anyway so it's...

Unknown Speaker: Sort of like taking from one hand and...

Charlie Christmas: Putting it right back to the other one.

Krystal Powless: Right, so it's kind of a...that's a push anyway. I understand what you're saying, if you actually reduce it by one hundred fifty (\$150,000.00) then you'd be reducing EMS by one hundred fifty (\$150,000.00) and then whatever they turned in also goes into that cash so it would almost all be coming from EMS.

David Hachmeister: But if it's needed to be for a project we can take out of Rainy Day and put it back.

Krystal Powless: That is correct.

Allan Holweger: Yes, yeah, we can give it back to them so I'd rather just get it that way we've got it and then if they need it we can always go back, if we have to, as an emergency back to them but I'd like to see the Rainy Day fund get back up in the seven (7) digits before we stop getting...maybe three (3) years at three hundred (\$300,000.00).

Greg Richmond: I did tell them that.

Allan Holweger: No, but I'm saying I...

Greg Richmond: It needs to be...

Allan Holweger: I think we need to get it back up because if we have some type of disaster, storm or something we have nothing right now so I'd like to see it get back at least to the million dollar mark before we stop taking if possible.

Greg Richmond: Their question was then are we going to do this three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) every year?

Krystal Powless: It's really hard...

Gary Meyer: Maybe.

David Hachmeister: Hopefully not.

Gary Meyer: Hopefully we don't have to.

Krystal Powless: It's just for this year. The ordinance is written for this year.

Greg Richmond: That's what I thought. I told them I thought it was just for one (1) year.

Gary Meyer: It's just for this year.

Paul Rudolph: And we can't obligate future Councils either way.

Gary Meyer: Right.

Krystal Powless: Right.

Paul Rudolph: I mean we don't even know who 2015's Council is going to be.

Gary Meyer: That's right, so really it's just for this year.

Paul Rudolph: We don't know if the law is even going to be there in 2015.

David Hachmeister: Yeah, and Al you're right, it scares me on like the county with the Camm Trial, it's already what seven point one million (\$7,100,000.00).

Gary Meyer: Okay then, keep that in mind because we're going to bring that up at our next meeting, right? That's not an ordinance tonight?

Krystal Powless: Right, but what he was saying is if you would want to reduce EMS budget you would have to do that tonight.

Gary Meyer: I see.

Allan Holweger: Well, if...

Greg Richmond: Since it's a wash...

Allan Holweger: It's a wash so why even...

Charlie Christmas: Why fool with it then?

Allan Holweger: Why fool with it?

Greg Richmond: Okay, I'll tell them that.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, and I don't think Larry understands that...what they return goes directly into his Economic Development account anyway.

Allan Holweger: Yeah, so it's a fruitless thing to do.

Paul Rudolph: Larry had made the same request to me and that's what Al was sort of thinking it was but I didn't have my numbers in front of me so...for that confirmation so I didn't say it but yeah, Greg, if you feel comfortable telling Larry I think that...just tell him that its really no difference.

David Hachmeister: He can read it in the paper next week can't he, Tim?

Charlie Christmas: We got a nice grin out of our news man anyway.

Paul Rudolph: He wonders why we're still meeting.

Gary Meyer: We have read and introduced Ordinance 2013-03, our Appropriation and Tax Rates.

Allan Holweger: I make the motion we approve.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Al to approve. Is there a second?

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: And seconded by Charlie. Any further discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0). Okay, the next one is the Salary Ordinance 2013-04.

Krystal Powless: There has been a small change if you want to read that because I marked it out on yours, I don't have my old one.

Gary Meyer: In the original one that we read last week, on second page, under section five (5), the second section under section five (5), the second paragraph, it says 'the employee longevity is defined as full-time continuous county employment'. That sentence has been crossed out. That's the only change. This is not there in the new one. Everything else is the same.

Krystal Powless: And if you would like explanation I'm going to allow the attorney to explain it.

Gary Meyer: That's called passing the buck.

Greg Granger: As pointed out at the last meeting the definition of longevity that is stricken was omitted from the employee handbook, for reasons unknown at this time. So, we just took out that reference to the definition and kept the remaining paragraph.

Gary Meyer: So everything else is the same?

Greg Granger: Everything else is the same.

Paul Rudolph: Who caught that?

Krystal Powless: David.

Paul Rudolph: Well done, Councilor.

David Hachmeister: Well, you know...I've done some weird things but...you know.

Laughter

Paul Rudolph: Wait, wait, that's a totally different conversation.

Gary Meyer: We'll have that conversation later.

Allan Holweger: I'll make a motion we approve.

Paul Rudolph: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by AI and seconded by Paul to approve, any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0). Okay, Ordinance for Solid Waste Appropriation Tax Rate 2013-05.

Krystal Powless: No changes.

Gary Meyer: No changes on this one.

Allan Holweger: Since I made the motion the first time I'll make that motion again that we approve.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by AI. Is there a second?

Paul Rudolph: Second.

Gary Meyer: And seconded by Paul. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0). Alright, would anybody like to address the council? Any three (3) of you? Any council members have anything?

Paul Rudolph: I'd like to talk for about fifteen (15); twenty (20) minutes just to say how great of a guy Tim is.

Allan Holweger: I'm glad I was bent over; I didn't hear exactly who you were talking about.

Gary Meyer: And our next meeting is November the 1st which is two (2) weeks from tonight at 6:00. Nothing else? Looking for a motion.

Paul Rudolph: Motion.

Gary Meyer: Meetings adjourned.

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ATTEST:

Paul Rudolph

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